

Communicable Diseases Requiring Exclusion

It is important that the health office be notified if your child contracts a communicable disease. If a communicable disease is suspected in school, the parent will be notified and the child will be excluded from school. The student will not be readmitted before the minimum number of days designated by the state and local Departments of Health are:

- **Diphtheria** – 2 weeks from the onset or until appropriate negative culture tests.
- **Chicken Pox****- 5 days from onset of the last crop of vesicles (blisters). All vesicles must be dried and crusted before returning to school.
- **Rubella (German Measles)** – 4 days from onset of rash.
- **Rubeola (Regular Measles)** – 4 days from onset of rash.
- **Mumps** – 9 days from onset or until subsidence of swelling.
- **Pertussis (whooping cough)** – 3 weeks from the onset or five days from institution of appropriate therapy.
- **Respiratory streptococcal infections (including Scarlet Fever)** – Not less than 10 days from the onset if no medications is prescribed or 24 hours from the institution of appropriate therapy.
- **Acute Contagious Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)** – Until judges non-infective; that is, without a discharge (usually after 24 hours after institution of appropriate therapy).
- **Ringworm** – Immediately after therapy is instituted, if body lesions are covered. Neither scalp nor body lesions that are dried need to be covered.
- **Impetigo Contagiosa** – 24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy.
- **Pediculosis Corpora (Body Lice)** – After completion of appropriate treatment and judges non-infective by the school nurse or child's physician.
- **Scabies** – After completion of appropriate therapy and until judges non-infective by the school nurse or child's physician.
- **Trachoma** – 24 hours from institution of appropriate therapy.
- **Tuberculosis** – Following a minimum of 2 weeks of adequate chemotherapy and 3 consecutive sputum smears. In addition, a note from the physician that the child is non-communicable shall be submitted prior to readmission.
- **Neisseria meningitis** – Until judged non-effective after a course of rifampin or other drug which is effective against this disease, or otherwise shown to non-infective.